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Our forecasters are expecting an area of low pressure to approach the south-west of England during Thursday, bringing strong to gale force winds and heavy rain here during the day.

Winds gusting to 50 or 60mph are expected over south-west England during Thursday afternoon and evening, with the risk of winds up to 70mph in some exposed coastal areas.

The gales are then expected to affect much of the south of both England and Wales during Friday with gusts of up to 60mph at times.

Martin Young, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, said: "The unsettled start to June is going to carry on through the rest of the week with unseasonably strong winds over the south of England and Wales on Thursday and Friday.

"The gusty winds will make travelling conditions difficult and may bring down trees. Many parts will also have heavy rain at times, giving a rather miserable end to the week."

Fred Caygill from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said: "The coast of the United Kingdom is a beautiful place, and is wonderful for exploring and enjoying the many water activities that are available. There are dangers though if the risks are not identified and correct preparations are not taken.

"With the stormy weather predicted by the Met Office for the end of the week, we would like to take this opportunity to remind coastal and sea users that every care should be taken to ensure that your visit and activities are safe."

The weather should quieten down temporarily on Saturday but more wet weather is expected on Sunday.

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